Expansion programme of National Cadet Corps

1192. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to enrol 10,000 new cadets every year in the National Cadet Corps as part of its five year expansion programme;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision regarding future prospects of these cadets; and

(c) if so, what are the details of prospects to attract more boys and girls in the N.C.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Cadet Corps is a voluntary youth movement which aims at developing qualities of leadership; character, comradeship, spirit of sportsmanship and the ideal of service in the cadets. Participation in NCC activities is not directly related to obtaining employment. However, some seats are earmarked in various Service Academies for NCC 'C' Certificate holders. Weightage is also given to persons with an NCC background in recruitment to the three Services as Other Ranks/Ratings/Airmen and also in the Central Industrial Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, the Coast Guards and Police Services in some States.

(c) In order to make the NCC more attractive, some interesting out-door/adventure activities have been introduced. Universities have been requested to accept NCC as an optional/additional subject in their curricula so that the cadets get due compensation for the time spent in NCC activities. An NCC Cadets Welfare Society has been constituted to afford financial relief in case of permanent disability or death during NCC activities. Scholarships have been introduced for NCC cadets who are good in studies, to be financed from the NCC Regimental Fund.

Peaceful uses of atomic energy in India

1193. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the fields where atomic energy has been put to use for peaceful purposes in our country during the last three years; and

(b) out of these how many uses are at laboratory stage and how many have been put in commercial use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) India presently has six operational nuclear power reactors producing electricity and aims at installing 10,000 MW of nuclear power generating capacity by the year 2000. Several materials and alloys for electronics, nuclear industries etc. have been developed as a result of research and development in atomic energy. Radioisotopes are presently being used in medical industrial and agricultural uses. In addition a series of industrial plants have been set up to provide the necessary inputs to the nuclear power programme such as fuel and heavy water.

Firing in Poonch and Rajouri Sectors and violation of Indian air space by Pakistan

1194. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan had continued intermit-